

I just wanted to send you a note concerning the NAB's petition 04-160, I would like to urge you to reject this petition. I am an XM subscriber and I benefit greatly from their service. It's very disturbing to me that the FCC would even consider a petition to stifle competition in an era of consolidation. All consolidation has done was to destroy local radio which brings me to my next point, The majority of terrestrial broadcasters employ syndicated (not local) or voice tracked (usually from another market) programming and people in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks as the old saying goes. The only reason the NAB is upset is that their members don't serve the community, most voice tracked stations don't even bother to break into programming to give traffic, I'm glad someone out there is actually willing to deliver traffic when its needed not just when the station has its 1 or 2 live shows during the day. I myself would like to see XM be able to expand to offer local news because radio news here is a joke (even on our local newstalk station, because 4 minutes of news an hour just doesn't cut it) once again please reject this petition, I thank you for your time...feel free to contact me further on this issue.

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